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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 20, 2000

PETITION OF MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION  
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

To reduce access charges of  
Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.,  
by removing payphone related  
subsidies as required by the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996

CASE NO. PUC980057

DISMISSAL ORDER

On April 15, 1998, AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T"), filed a petition to reduce access charges of Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"), by eliminating payphone-related subsidies from BA-VA's intrastate carrier access charges. AT&T's petition proposed that such reduction in access charges be equal to "the sum of (a) the revenues generated by the dial around compensation charges to be collected by BA-VA, and (b) the amounts generated by the increase of BA-VA's local payphone call charge in Virginia from 25¢ to 35¢."<sup>1</sup>

On February 2, 2000, the Commission issued an order establishing an investigation to consider the appropriate level

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of AT&T at page 12.

of intrastate access service prices for BA-VA<sup>2</sup> in Case No. PUC000003. The investigation in Case No. PUC000003 requires BA-VA to file a current cost study for both its switched and special access services using the long-run incremental costing methodology approved in Case No. PUC870012. Testimony and evidence as to all factors the Commission should consider in making any access pricing decisions is called for, and the Commission Staff is directed to investigate these matters and make its report.

The Commission concludes that its investigation in Case No. PUC000003 is sufficiently comprehensive to address all concerns raised by AT&T in its petition filed herein. AT&T, as a certificated carrier in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is granted ample opportunity to advance its case through participation in the investigation commenced in Case No. PUC000003. Therefore, the Commission finds that AT&T's petition filed herein should be dismissed without prejudice, and AT&T is encouraged to participate in the investigation in Case No. PUC000003. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The petition filed by AT&T herein is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

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<sup>2</sup> The appropriate level of intrastate access service prices for GTE South, Inc. and the Sprint Companies of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Central Telephone Company of Virginia are also included in this investigation.

(2) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this matter is dismissed from the docket, and the record developed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.